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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2001. To date, no office action on the merits has been received. Applicants respectfully request that they be informed of the status of the application. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (202) 625-3547.

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